

DENY THYSELF.

Why should we deny ourselves? First of all, because our divine Master bids us do it. He makes it the condition of discipleship. "If any man," no matter who, rich or poor, bond or free, "will come after Me, let him deny himself." There is no following Christ without denying self.

But why the command? The Master is not arbitrary in his requirements. Denying self means shifting the center from self to Christ; it means putting down self in order to exalt Christ as Lord of all. For the reason that it is essential to salvation to enthrone Christ over the life, it is absolutely essential to deny one's self.

One important way to express denial of self is to take money from self and give it to Christ. Money is the material, visible form into which we transform our thoughts, desires, aims and efforts. It is a kind of transubstantiation, in which the invisible mental, moral and spiritual forces of life become materialized, visualized. Money is the stored up, solidified expression of self's vital energies. Hence there is no way by which we can so emphasize the subordination of self to Christ as by the gift of money. There is no discipline of self comparable to this.

A needy world, dependant in all its highest interests, on our gifts of money, is the permanent opportunity divinely provided for us to practice the denial of self. Just now the urgent call of our foreign mission work for \$330,000 to save it from disaster is the call of opportunity. We will be benefitted three hundred and thirty thousand dollars worth by denying self to that amount.

R. C. Reed.

"THAT GREAT UNIVERSITY" AND LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

If in an article recently published in the Presbyterian of the South injustice was done to Lafayette College it is a matter of sincere regret. That statement was not a wild one used merely for argument, but was based on information from the only source open to one who is not in personal touch with a situation, namely, direct statements in secular and religious papers, extracts taken from such papers and several extended talks with at least one person who had lived at Lafayette College and was in close touch with the faculty.

There is consolation in the fact the Lafayette will go serenely on its way and never know that anything has been said about it.

Just a word as to the conclusions regarding Oglethorpe University with which my good friend Hutchison so heartily disagrees.

These conclusions are so definitely and distinctly upheld in the letter of the Presbyterian Educational Association of the South, headed by the present moderator of the General Assembly and sent to the ministers and sessions of our whole Church, as to leave nothing else to be said.

Had this letter been sent out earlier there would have been no necessity for my article. As it is, all those who desire conservative and constructive plans for education can rest the case where that letter puts the whole matter—on the sound judgment and loyalty of our ministers and churches.

Robert Campbell Gilmore.

Fredericksburg, Va.

CHRISTMAS ON TAYLOR'S MOUNTAIN.

Nowhere was the spirit of Christmas more felt and shown than on Taylor's Mountain. For weeks the grown people as well as the many children had been eagerly looking forward to Christmas. In the Public School the

children had memorized several Christmas songs, the Christmas verses from the 2d chapter of Luke, and the children of the Primary room had learned, in a body, twenty other Bible verses. As singing is a delight to these mountain people and memorizing their greatest accomplishment, both the hymns and the Bible verses were well given. "Our bunch" of boys had "toted" the beautiful tree for miles that we might have the loveliest one possible for our celebration.

We had tried to make it plain to all that the first service would be for the small children at 2 o'clock P. M. of the day before Christmas, but at twelve the large assembly room of the mission cottage was fast filling with small, medium sized and large children. The gifts to be presented were lovely, having been sent to the children by societies, clubs, Y. W. C. A. and individuals who were interested in mountain children.

The teachers, with the aid of Miss Juliet Gish, of Bedford City, Va., looked over the gifts sent and made them as nearly as possible equal. It was splendid to see the happiness shining on the faces of so many children and to hear their glad "ohs," as they looked at their presents. At five-thirty the grown people came, and the room and porch were again crowded with folks. Gifts were provided for all the children, young people and very old people—in all about 250.

Of course, the presentation of these gifts was made possible only by the help of interested friends, chiefly the Y. W. C. A. of the Harrisonburg Normal School, the Saturday Club of Clifton Forge, the Covenanters and Children's Society of Knox Presbyterian church, Norfolk, Va., the Ladies Aid Society of Lost City, W. Va., "Little Helpers," Danville, Va., Miss Carrie Lee Campbell and her young friends of Richmond, Va., the Children's Missionary Society of Salem, Va., the Public school children of Carmel, N. C., and of Moorefield, W. Va., Ladies Auxiliary, Bedford County, the Children's Missionary Society of Bedford, Va., together with many individuals.

To all these we send thanks and the wish that the giver's blessing may rest upon each of them.

We are so glad that our own children are learning the splendence of giving. It was suggested to them that they each bring with them to the tree, something which would help children more needy than themselves. They entered into this giving with eagerness and brought at least two and a half barrels of canned goods, apples, potatoes and beans for the Lynchburg Orphanage.

Even a stranger would have said of the two large gatherings on Christmas Eve, that the behavior was perfect. As this has always been a community where Christmas was celebrated by the use of a great deal of whiskey, we are encouraged by the fact that the behavior during the holidays has been so good and all people here agree that it has been the most quiet Christmas ever spent.

Elizabeth Wood.

Thaxton, Va.

RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

On Friday evening, in the college chapel, the second of the annual series of college lectures was delivered by Professor John A. Lomax, of the University of Texas, who spoke on "The Cowboy Songs of the Mexican Border." On Monday evening Dr. Hugh Black, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, addressed a large audience of students and citizens of Lynchburg on "The Life and Poetry of Robert Burns."

The Y. W. C. A. will begin its celebration of the National Jubilee on

February 7th, the week following examinations. A specially appointed Jubilee Committee, together with the cabinet and regular committees, has been working out the plans for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Y. W. C. A. The main purpose of the Jubilee is educational. The meetings, entertainments and publicity work of the local association have been planned with a view to giving the members information about its past history, its present scope and opportunities for larger usefulness in the future.

Marriages

Beavers-Gramling: At the residence of the bride's mother, Summerville, Ga., January 20, 1916, at 5 P. M., by Rev. Robert H. Orr, Mr. Joseph A. Beavers and Miss Jimmie A. Gramling.

Coiner-Robinson: At the residence of the bride's parents, at Mossy Creek, Va., by the Rev. L. H. Paul, January 25, 1916, Mr. David T. Coiner and Miss Kate Belle Robson, both of Augusta county, Va.

Grogan-Sanders: At the residence of the officiating minister, by Rev. John Gordon Law, D. D., January 16, 1916, Mr. Joseph Reid Grogan, of Westminster, S. C., and Miss Pearl May Sanders, of Walhalla, S. C.

Markham-Smith: In the First Presbyterian church, of De Queen, Ark., January 21, 1916, at 4:30 P. M., by Rev. James I. Paisly, Mr. De Witt Markham, of Madding, Jefferson county, Ark., and Miss Mildred Smith, of DeQueen.

Martin-Stanley: At the residence of the bride's father, at Itasca, Texas, by Rev. James D. McLean, D. D., assisted by Rev. A. S. McElroy, D. D., January 12, 1916, Mr. Frank Martin and Miss Lucile Stanley.

Thompson-Spencer: Miss Mildred M. Spencer, of Richmond, and Rev. James A. Thompson, formerly of Tennessee, were quietly married on Tuesday, January 18th, by Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will make their home at Sylvatus, Va., for the winter.

Deaths

Marshall: At her home, in Lunenburg county, Va., Mrs. Margaret McClung Marshall, wife of William Glen Marshall, died on January 22d. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wallace. Mrs. Wallace was an exceptionally fine character and was universally loved and admired. She had the faculty of attaching her friends very closely to her. She was faithful in all her Christian duties.

MR. C. FRANK GALLAHER.

Resolutions of respect, adopted by the Session of the Charles Town Presbyterian church:

In view of the death of Mr. C. Frank Gallaher, for many years an honored and useful elder of this church, be it Resolved, By the Session of the Presbyterian church, Charles Town, W. Va.:

First. That by the death of Mr. Gallaher this Session has lost an esteemed and useful elder, this church an active and acceptable member, and this community an estimable citizen.

Second. We recall his marked faithfulness and interest in all matters pertaining to the church; his self-sacrifice in his efforts in the Sabbath school; his unselfishness and generosity in all the affairs of the church.

Third. We express our gratitude to God for our association with him in Christian fellowship and service.

Fourth. We express our deep sympathy to his wife and those who share her sorrow and commend them to Him who is our refuge and strength in every time of need.

It is ordered that a copy of these resolutions be given to the family, and that they be spread upon the records of this Session, and published in the local papers and the Presbyterian of the South.

H. M. Moffett, Moderator.
Wright Denny, Clerk.

MRS. SARAH J. LUCKETT.

Fell "asleep in Jesus," at her home, in Loudoun county, Va., November 3, 1915, Mrs. Sarah J. Luckett, after a lingering illness of several months, following a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Luckett was born June 19, 1841, the daughter of Samuel C. Luckett and Mary B. Hamilton, and lived all her life in Loudoun county, and was buried at Lovettsville, her native town. She was married to William H. Luckett, who became a ruling elder in the Catoctin church, and who died in 1911. Their two sons united with their parents' church, in youth. The elder Samuel C. Luckett died about ten years ago. While Roger W. Luckett succeeded to his father's business and is an influential merchant at Luckett, Va.

Mrs. Luckett was pre-eminently a home-maker, and a keeper at home, well reported of for good works. "She brought up her children in the fear of God," lodged strangers, relieved the afflicted, diligently followed every good work. Her "adorning" was the hidden man of the heart, which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God is of great price." She co-operated heartily with her husband in the training of her sons, who rose up to call her blessed, and in the work of the church, which, under their efficient leadership, with the blessing of God, grew rapidly and became a great power for good in a neglected neighborhood.

L. R. T.

Hath he a cup of affliction in one hand? Lift up your eyes and you will see a cup of consolation in the other; and if the stars withdraw their light while you are in the way of God, assure yourself that the sun is ready to rise.—John Owen.

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